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PLANT CONFERENCE

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1. INFO CONTAINED REF A PASSED TO PRESIDENT, PORTUGUESE NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH BOARD FEB. 7. INFO RECEIVED WITH ENTHUSIASM.

2. EMBOFF EXPLAINED NATURE OF IVP GRANTS AND NEED FOR NAMES AND INFO ON EVENTUAL SAN FRANCISCO/BERKELY PORTUGUESE DELEGATES; REQUESTED THAT NAMES OF TWO PROSPECTIVE GRANTEEES BE AVAILABLE BY DEADLINE MID-MARCH, PREFERABLY SOONER. EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IF GOP PREFERRED SENDING THREE MEMBER DELEGATION, IT COULD SEND

TWO (GRANTEES) FOR FULL MONTH, THIRD PERSON (AT GOP EXPENSE) FOR 2-1/2 WEEK PERIOD OF TWO CONFERENCES OR, AS FURTHER ALTERNATIVE, FOR SEVERAL DAYS OF BERKELEY CONFERENCE ONLY. BOARD PRESIDENT ASKED IF POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT DOLS 5,000 AVAILABLE COULD BE DIVIDED UP AMONG ALL THREE PROSPECTIVE DELEGATES, FUNDS FOR THIRD COMING FROM REDUCED STAYS (AND LOWER PER DIEM COST) OF FIRST TWO. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT. VIEWS ON THIS POSSIBILITY.

3. RE PROPOSED AUGUST DATE FOR PART II OF CONFERENCE (REFS B, C): EMBOFF RAISED MATTER WITH PORTUGUESE BY REFERRING TO PERIOD "AUGUST THROUGH OCTOBER." GOP OFFICIAL RESPONDED WITHOUT HESITATION THAT AUGUST IS BETTER SINCE THAT IS PERIOD WHEN EXPERTS WOULD FIND IT EASIEST TO GET AWAY. UNLESS USNATO HAS RESERVATIONS TO CONTRARY, WE WOULD URGE GOING AHEAD WITH AUGUST AS TARGET PERIOD IN VIEW SIMULTANEOUS PREFERENCE FOR THAT TIME BY US AND PORTUGUESE SCIENTIFIC AUTHORITIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED. DELAY IN SELECTING DATES FOR PART II MAY BE MORE SERIOUS RISK (IN TERMS PLANNING DOWN CALENDARS OF PROSPECTIVE DELEGATES) THAN TRADITIONAL CONTINENTAL EUROPEAN VACATION SEASON.

4. CURRENT ROUND OF HIGH-LEVEL GOP GOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS HAS CAUSED POSTPONEMENT OF ENCOUNTER SLATED FOR FEB. 7 BETWEEN RESEARCH BOARD OFFICIALS AND RESPONSIBLE MINISTER. MEETING RESCHEDULED FOR END OF WEEK FEB. 10-14, AFTER WHICH FORMAL GOP RESPONSE TO OUR OFFER SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING.
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